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Retired USAF Lt. Col. Wayne Porter, featured speaker at Fort Monroe’s POW-MIA observance at Cannon Park Sept. 14, describes his experience as an American prisoner of war during World War II.



Monroe pays tribute to missing, captured troops

Photo above left: Spc. Chad Parsons, TUSCAB, concludes the ceremony with the playing of “Taps.” Photo above right: Sgt. Jennifer Salcedo, a member of the HHC rifle detail, awaits the start of the ceremony. Photo left: Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, and veterans Charlie French, left, and retired Lt. Col. Wayne Porter place a wreath at the Battle of the Bulge monument, Cannon Park.



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Spc. Christopher Walter, 233rd MP Detachment, Fort Monroe, leads the joint service color guard into position in front of the audience during the POW-MIA observance Sept. 14. The color guard was also comprised of service members from U.S. Naval Station, Norfolk, Langley Air Force Base and U.S. Coast Guard Station, Yorktown.



Photo left by Matt Thomas/Photo above by Patrick Buffett

Monroe celebrates Hispanic heritage

Photo left: Col. (ret) Joseph Rodriguez, Jr. — featured speaker at Fort Monroe’s Hispanic Heritage Month observance, Sept. 20 at the Post Theater — talks about his dad, pictured right, and other members of his extended family who had an “enormous impact” on his life choices and highly successful Army career. Photo above: the Spratley Rhythm Project performs their unique variety of Calypso-sounding music during the observance. Named after a Hampton middle school, the musical group was organized to promote creativity and cooperation among teens on the peninsula. Another student group from Merrimack Elementary School also performed during the Hispanic observance.